

Neighborhood News

November Meeting Highlights

Gretchen Krasley led the November meeting. Neighbors expressed their concerns about graffiti, the need for crime reports in this newsletter, and one report of a car break-in. They also commended campus and city police for a noted increase in police presence in the neighborhood. Several neighbors asked about where to get yellow paint so they can repaint faded corner markings on their curbs. [Since the meeting, we've gotten yellow paint! Email us to use our paint and roller - Gretchenkra-sley@aol.com.]



The nights are shorter and our neighborhood gets dark earlier. Police remind us that installing outdoor lights and trimming shrubs that obstruct clear views of windows and doors are deterrents to crime.

Mission Accomplished

At our November meeting, we reviewed our mission statement and found it to be as current as it was years ago when the Muhlenberg Area Community Watch began. Whether you attend our meetings or not, you deserve a big THANK YOU for being part of a community that has accomplished a great deal. As a neighbor, you:

- Help maintain the safety and livability of our community by encouraging owner occupied homes
- Make use of city contact information (see page 2) to report problems that might threaten the residential character of the neighborhood, residents' safety or public welfare
- Work with the police to report suspicious activities and crimes
- Maintain a collaborative relationship with Muhlenberg College officials in order to ensure peace, dignity and decorum for all residents

Citizens Helping Eliminate Crime **CHEC✓MATE**

CHEC-Mate, designed by the Allentown Police Department gives Allentown residents a way of calling the police anonymously to report suspicious activity in their neighborhoods. Request a CHEC-Mate card by calling 610-437-7522 or attending one of our meetings. In 4-6 weeks you will receive your card with a number assigned specifically to you. When call the communications center, you give only your CHEC-MATE number on the card. CHEC-Mate is a confidential way of reporting crime to help make your neighborhood safer! Take extra care to protect yourself, your family and your property. Please report suspicious people, vehicles, or activity to the police. The police non-emergency number is 610 437-7751. In an emergency call 911.



Our next meeting:

Wednesday, December 9
7:00 P.M

Christ E.C. Church
2135 Tilghman St.

Muhlenberg Area Community Watch meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 P.M. at Christ E. C. Church 2135 Tilghman St., Lower Level

We invite residents of any neighborhood in the city to join us!

Future Meetings:

Wednesday, January 13
Wednesday, February 10

MAC Contact Information:

Secretary/Treasurer: Chris Gabelini 610- 439-3610, gabelinidesign@choiceonemail.com

Newsletter Circulation : Al Habecker, Gretchen Krasley, Lud Schlecht

Newsletter Publication : Gretchen Krasley

610 821-7716, Gretchenkra-sley@aol.com

Patrol of Neighborhood :

Tom Mulligan 610 433-1512

Conducting meetings: Rotating responsibility

Presidents' Council meetings: Tom Burke 610 432-4079

Real Estate Sales Letters: Al and Ev Habecker 610-432-8032, aehabecker@msn.com

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Got a house for sale in your neighborhood? Al and Ev Habecker send out letters to realtors and owners about the **student overlay guidelines**. If you see a For Sale sign, call Al and Ev at 610-432-8032, or email them at aehabecker@msn.com. Thanks, Al and Ev for helping to preserve the residential character of our neighborhood.



Would you like to get emails with city/neighborhood news in between newsletters? Join our network by emailing Gretchenkrasley@aol.com. All emails are blind copies to protect your identity.

Phone Numbers to Know

City Information Desk 610 439-5999

Code Enforcement 610 437-7661

Code Enforcement Rental Licensing 610 437-7694.

Community Problems (neighbor disputes) 610 437-7773

Crime Prevention Unit 610 437-7719

Emergency Medical Services (paramedics) 610 437-7531

Emergency Medical Services (non-emergency) 610 437-7751

Garbage Complaints (except recycling) 610 437-7759

Graffiti Busters 610 437-8729

Graffiti in Progress 9-1-1

Housing Compliance/Inspections 610 437-7697

Leaf Pickup 610 437-7587

Police Calls (non-emergency) 610 437-7751*

Rental Unit Inspections 610 437-7695

Sewer Back-up 610 437 7639

Sewer Emergencies after hours 610 437-7751

State Representative Jennifer Mann 610 821-5577

SWEEP (Bureau of Recycling and Solid Waste)
610 437-8729

Weeds Grass Overgrowth 610 437-7604

Yard Waste Recycling 610 437-8729

Zoning 610 437-7630

* When calling 610 437-7751, remember that anything that impairs the peace, dignity, and decorum of the neighborhood is considered "disruptive conduct."